

## COMMERCIAL.

The Corporation and citizens of Alexandria have contributed largely to Internal Improvements terminating in this city, and it is true that we have impoverished ourselves by our generous liberality. Unfortunately, we have been cruelly disappointed in the result of the investments we have made, inasmuch as we have not been able to see any adequate return for the large outlay. This, however, should not discourage us from making all proper efforts to regain at least some portion of the trade which belongs to us, which in times past was ours, and out of which our merchants made large fortunes. I allude to the Tobacco trade of Maryland, which is now monopolized by Baltimore. This trade we have of late years neglected. I might say, thrown away, and having had our attention called to Virginia improvements, we have in a measure lost sight of its importance. If the product of the tobacco growing counties of Maryland could be thrown into our lap, by facilities that would cost us but a trifle as compared with other improvements, will not our merchants and other citizens warmly embrace any scheme that would bring about a result so desirable?

The planters and people of these counties, I know, are anxious to have a railroad connection with this city, and I am told that the sum of \$150,000 will secure the construction of a line from Upper Marlboro' to the Ferry, on the Maryland shore. The improvement, when finished, would bring the planters of Prince George's and the Patuxent counties so near Alexandria, as to induce them to quit Baltimore and trade with us. That they will contribute liberally, I have no doubt, and I have been assured that the right way, for the entire distance, will be gratuitously granted.

I have thrown out these suggestions for parties interested to consider, and promise more on the same subject at the proper time.

**CHILDREN "FASHIONABLY" DRESSED.**—The absurd fashion of exposing children of tender years to the keen outdoor air, with but the necessary protection which their little arms and legs require, is still so prevalent as to require a word of comment. It is true, find mother, that your chubby, three-year-old boy is finely modeled as the Cupid of Cavaia, but the pleasure you derive in knowing that other people admire the graceful roundness of your limbs will never compensate you for the anguish and watchings which you will experience when he is attacked with croup or the terrible scarlet fever. Strong men find it impossible to spend half their time in the heated houses of civilized society, and then go out of doors with thin clad extremities, without catching all the cramps that flesh is heir to. No one but a Highland-er, used to the sky for a canopy and the heather for a bed, can go bare-legged with impunity in northern latitudes and change of spring and fall seasons. Yet we daily see little boys and girls dressed in the same manner as the children of the tropics, and chattered by the cold. Hundreds of innocent die yearly from this very cause alone. Will not all mothers who read this, heed the warning.—*Lynchburg Virginian.*

**NARROW ESCAPE OF FAYETTE McMULLEN.**—On Friday last, Fayette McMullen, Ex-Senate Senator, Ex-Member of Congress, Ex-Governor of Washington Territory, and at present a sovereign residing in the county of Smythe, in this State, met with a very narrow escape from death. It appears that he was riding on horseback, and approaching the Railroad near Marion, discovered the train was near at hand, and running very rapidly. He at once checked his horse, but the animal becoming frightened dashed off, and reached the track, where the road crosses, at the very moment the approaching train got to that point. The horse was run over and instantly killed, and McMullen thrown on the cowcatcher, where he remained for some minutes, until the engineer was able to reach him, and succeeded in dragging him on the engine.—The train all the while being in rapid motion. The most singular part of the whole transaction was the fact, that the Governor was not injured in the slightest degree.—*Lynchburg Virginian.*

**PLAY UPON INITIALS.**—An Indiana paper advocates the claims of Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania, for the Presidency, because from the initials of his name can be drawn the inspiring words, *Successful Candidate*. An Ohio Republican paper, noticing the above, prefers Chase, because S. P. C. are entirely ominous, meaning—*Successful Presidential Candidate*. To which the Columbus "Star" (a Democratic) replies: "The initials of Simon Cameron would be more appropriately applied to *Slippery Cheat*, and those of Salmon P. Chase to *Small Potatoes Cooked*."

**DIED.**—In Washington, on the 21st instant, Mrs. CATHERINE McNAMEE, aged 70 years—a native of the County of Tyrone, for the last 12 years a resident of Washington.

In Washington on the 21st instant, Mrs. DEBORAH TILLEY, aged 70 years. She had been for about forty years a consistent and pious member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In Canandaigua, New York, on the 17th instant, in her ninetieth year, MINDY W. L. P. GRANGER, widow of Gideon Granger, and mother of the Hon. Francis A. Granger and Gen. John A. Granger.

At his residence, in Upper Marlborough, in Prince George's county, Maryland, on the 21st of April, 1860, DANIEL C. DUGGLES, in the 47th year of his age.

**NOTICE.**—Proposals are invited through the Post Office addressed to A. W. Eastlack, and marked "Market House proposals," until 12 o'clock, M., 27th April instant, for the purchase of a market house, for which specifications will be shown by H. L. Simpson, Esq., or by the undersigned.

A. W. EASTLACK,  
Chairman of the Committee on Public Property.  
ap 24—td

**NOTICE.**—On Sunday morning, the 22d instant, on the pavement in front of St. Paul's Church, a RING, containing three Diamonds—a large one in the centre, with a smaller one on each side. The RING is of Gold, richly chased, and had a heavy plain GOLD RING attached. The finder will greatly oblige the owner by leaving it at the Jeweler's market, for which he will be suitably rewarded will be gladly given. At 24—34

**NEW MILLINERY GOODS.**—I have just received a further supply of Bonnets, Ribbons, Flowers, and Ladies Dress Trimmings, which, in quality, style and price, cannot be excelled. I feel confident from my present stock, all can be supplied. W. B. RICHARDS, Jr.  
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## CONGRESS.

[REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.]

Senate, Monday, April 23.

The Chief presented a message from the President, transmitting instructions to Mr. McLane, when appointed minister to China.

On motion of Mr. Yule, a resolution was adopted calling on the Postmaster General for copies of contracts with Daniel P. Johnson, and Cornelius Vanderbilt respectively for temporary mail service between New York and San Francisco by way of the Isthmus routes of Panama and Nicaragua, together with the correspondence relating thereto.

After other unimportant business, the Senate adjourned until Thursday.

## House of Representatives.

Mr. Phelps said it was evident that there was no quorum present, and he would therefore submit a motion, that when the House adjourns to-day, it be to meet on Thursday next.

Mr. Sherman hoped the gentleman would not press his motion at this time. He did not himself think there was a quorum in the House at the present moment, but he thought there would be about two o'clock, when he would have no objection to such a motion being made. As there were, perhaps, not more than 120 or 135 members at present in the city, he did not believe it to be possible for them to do any practical legislation, that week, but the House could resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, that those members who desired might be enabled to discuss the tariff and other questions. If the gentleman insisted on his motion he hoped it would be voted down.

Mr. Phelps did not think there was a quorum present, and he was opposed to any business being transacted in the absence of such.

Mr. Hughes said as this was the day for calling of the Senators for bills and resolutions, he trusted the gentleman would not press his motion at this time.

The vote being taken on the motion of Mr. Phelps, resulted—yeas 24, nays 112; so the motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Winslow felt it incumbent on him to say that the correspondence in the Van Dyke case, which had been published in the New York papers as having been given in evidence before the Coville investigating committee, had never been presented before that committee.

On motion of Mr. Sherman, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, (Mr. Washburne, of Me., in the chair,) for the purpose of considering the Tariff bill.

Mr. Avery, of Tenn., then proceeded to address the Committee, and at the conclusion of his speech.

Mr. Morrill, of Vt., addressed the Committee upon the subject of the Tariff.

Mr. Jones, of Ga., followed in an hour's speech upon general politics.

At the close of his speech, the Committee rose, and at 4 o'clock the House adjourned.

**Expected Visit of the Prince of Wales.**

A writer contributes to the "National Intelligencer" a lengthy article, in reference to the coming visit of the Prince of Wales to America. He was in Rome when the Prince was visiting the ancient Mistress of the World, and thus speaks of him as he appeared with other royal personages at the Carnival.

In the spring of 1859 a party of American gentlemen, coming from the far East, arrived in Rome at the height of the Carnival, when all the world, crazy with good-humored excitement, was hurrying up and down the Corso, or throwing confetti from the balconies. There, for the first time they were confronted with royalty in various guises—royalty in decay, in the gentlemanly form of His Majesty of Prussia, looking with haughty eye and distracted brain on the scene of frolic before him; royalty in full bloom, with a strong tendency to luxurious and seamy growth, in Queen Christina of Spain, "fair, fat, and forty," a pensioned, contented exile, covered with diamonds, and her own surviving genius of all that was once so exulting, the dainty little foot that peeped from beneath her diamonds; and lastly, royalty in the bud, a delicate youth of some eighteen summers, the heir of the only really stable kingdom of Europe, modest, well-mannered, joyous, taking his innocent frolic with all the zest of boyhood, pelted and being pelted like the rest of the world, and happier in his careless mood than he ever will be in the responsible and anxious future before him.

No one year ago the prince was a "delicate youth," "modest, well-mannered, joyous," and despite his royal distinction, enjoyed with zest the innocent amusements of the carnival. He was eighteen then. He will, of course, be a year older when he reaches this side of the Atlantic, a "lovable age," the ladies will no doubt say, as with a sigh, they hope to see him. But more of him at Rome. The correspondent adds:

A day or two later, one of those Americans had the honor of being presented to the boy prince at the most modest and unpretentious quarters at the Hotel de Russie. He found him at his studies. It was the hour of his Italian lesson, and presently it was finished, and a slender, rather delicate youth came, with countenance not unlike his mother, as was when this writer saw her, some fifteen years ago. There was dignity which affected nothing, and modest and inquiring intelligence in the youth's manner and conversation. It was the evident mind of those about him to put him in the way of learning what ever was useful from conversation as well as books. He talked about the East, about Egypt, India, and China, and his guest was glad to feel perhaps his conversation was not profane.

The American advised the Prince to visit America, and now that the visit is a certainty, he is anxious that he should be received in a spirit worthy of our national character, and in accordance with the spirit of our institutions.

**MEMORANDA.**

Sr. Jas. Guest, Renner, c'd at Philadelphia, for Georgetown, 21st inst.

Sr. Charles Alder, B'd at Norfolk, for Georgetown, 20th inst.

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**NEW HOUSEKEEPERS** and others are respectfully invited to examine my variety of Housekeeping articles. It is believed there is not in Virginia a better assortment in this line.

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## LOCAL ITEMS.

The Mount Vernon Guards.—This old corps of Volunteer Military, who for so long a time sustained alone the drooping military spirit of this city, have, we are glad to hear, recovered from a temporary reverse, and are again progressing, both in numbers and discipline, at a rate which will soon place them in the front ranks of the city military. They consist of about fifty members, and are increasing at every meeting. The members manifest great interest in the organization; the drills are well attended, and the corps have secured "Potomac Saloon," (lower story of Potomac Lodge,) on Columbus street, as the Armory and headquarters of the Company.

Discarding the uniform which has long been familiar to the eyes of our citizens, the Guards have adopted a new and soldierly apparel, which is now in progress of manufacture. The new uniform consists of a green coat, of army pattern, with the Virginia coat-of-arms in front, with white pantaloons; coat of grey cloth, with Virginia button, cut close bodied, turned up with black, and trimmed with black and gold laces; pants of grey cloth, with black stripe; epaulettes, black strap, with brass crescent; and cross belts of white webbing, caught by a plain brass center piece; body belt of the same material, fastened by a brass plate, having on it the Virginia coat-of-arms.

The cloth for the new uniform is of Virginia manufacture, being made in Culpeper County, by Mr. Miller, to the order of the Company. Mr. R. W. Robinson, of this city, will furnish the uniforms.

The corps have been drilling constantly, and are now in a fine condition of military efficiency. They expect to parade in their new uniforms about the close of the month of May.

Sometime in the course of the present year, the Guards contemplate returning the visit of the Continental Morgan Guards, of Winchester, paid them some time since.

**TEACHERS' MEETING.**—The meeting of the Teachers' Association, on Saturday, was a highly interesting one, and was rather more largely attended than usual—an indication, we think, that its advantages are beginning to be appreciated. The subject of teaching and Numeration, both to very young children and more advanced students, was treated in a very able manner by the gentleman assigned to the performance of that duty. He gave a history of the Roman and Arabic Notation, which was new to many of those present, and explained the manner of teaching Numeration by means of objects, the numeration frame, &c. He insisted upon an adherence, in teaching Arithmetic, to the motto, "I teach by doing." The lady appointed to give her views on teaching, followed, and gave many useful hints on the subject. She, also, laid great stress on requiring the learner to understand one thing thoroughly, before passing to another. The best teacher of mathematics she had ever known, she remarked, took always, eleven weeks to teach a child subtraction.

If he thought too late for the gentleman appointed to present the subject of teaching Subtraction, to give his views, that subject was postponed until the next meeting, and a lady and gentleman were requested to give their views, respectively, on the best manner of teaching Multiplication and Division.